

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is a waste of taxpayer money and an unnecessary delay tactic that undermines Los Angeles' urgent need for more housing. The City is already drowning in budget deficits, staff shortages, and an infrastructure backlog. To allocate more money and manpower to yet another "impact analysis" — when the data and planning frameworks already exist — is fiscally irresponsible. Traci Park, and Monica Rodriguez for seconding the motion need to be probed for their true motives for introducing this motion. Los Angeles cannot afford to keep spending like a drunken sailor on redundant studies designed to create political cover for inaction. Every dollar and hour wasted on bureaucratic reports is a dollar and hour not spent on actual housing production. The City has already invested years of public outreach, environmental review, and professional planning through its Housing Element, Community Plans, and CHIP program. Re-litigating the same issues under the guise of a "new report" serves no purpose except to stall and obstruct state-mandated housing progress. Time is of the essence, emergency. Los Angeles faces a housing and homelessness crisis that requires acceleration, not hesitation. Motions like this send a clear message that City Hall is more interested in protecting entrenched interests than delivering real solutions. The community is deteriorating — infrastructure is failing, affordability is collapsing, businesses are failing, and confidence in local government is evaporating. We need a new crop of young people to keep this city alive. 18-49 years of age are the spenders. Those who stand in the way of housing reform will be remembered for choosing politics over progress. Los Angeles must stop wasting money on symbolic motions and start building — before it's too late.